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ABSTRACT

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I. Introduction

During the month of February, 1970, the Louisiana Coordinating Council for Higher Education, with the complete cooperation of colleges and universities of the state and other agencies and persons, initiated an enrollment projection or estimation study of Louisiana colleges and universities. The study represents an attempt to standardize enrollment estimations for major campuses in Louisiana and concurrently provide members of the Coordinating Council information on the total estimated enrollment for the State of Louisiana and enrollment at the respective campuses during the next decade. The consensus among Council members is that plans for the education of Louisiana youth, as they relate to physical facilities and instructional and support personnel, cannot be objectively and effectively considered without some notion of the character of future enrollments. Prior to 1970, many campuses did not make long range estimations, or if such estimations were made, they did not allow for the interaction of one campus with other campuses in attracting Louisiana students.

Projecting or estimating student enrollments is a desirable and necessary involvement, even though a hazardous one. John K. Folger states that "The techniques for making enrollment projections are not in any sense a substitute for judgment and knowledge of your institution. They can be an important aid to judgment, and can insure that you look beyond the surface at some of the underlying factors involved. Elaborate statistical manipulations may give the impression of accuracy, but they will be no more accurate than the assumptions on which they are based."[1] He further states that "in

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[1]John K. Folger, "Projecting Student Enrollments" in Richard G. Axt and Hall T. Sprague (eds.) College Self-Study: Lectures and Institutional Research (Boulder, Colorado, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, 1960), p. 59.

a technical sense, a projection cannot be 'bad' or 'good', since it is merely a statement of what will happen under certain conditions. But everyone persists in regarding them as predictions; why would you make them if you weren't interested in the future? So, although you should be careful to point out the assumptions on which your projections are based, do not expect that this will protect you if they go astray. If they are accurate, people will regard them as good; if they are inaccurate, people will regard them as bad."[2]

The major assumptions undergirding the Louisiana study are: (1) the live birth rate will continue to decline; (2) the percentage of graduate of secondary schools entering colleges and universities will not change significantly; (3) the attrition rate of students enrolled at these institutions will remain rather stable; and (4) the institutions of higher education in the State will attract essentially the same percentage of graduates of secondary schools, transfer students and out-of-state students.

The enrollment projections or estimations contained in this paper have been made using accepted procedures and the best data available. All estimates of this nature should be revised annually to adjust to changing conditions at Louisiana colleges and universities and other variables which may affect their accuracy. The Council welcomes any and all comments the involved institutions might wish to make with reference to their individual estimations or projections.

The Coordinating Council is indebted to the colleges and universities, the State Department of Education, and the Census Bureau for providing the information needed to complete this year's enrollment study. The Council

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[2] Ibid.

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II. The Cohort-Survival Procedure for Enrollment Estimation

A. The Word "Cohort"

"Cohort" Comes from a term used by the armies of ancient Rome.[3] It applied to a specific unit of infantry. As we now use the term in enrollment projections, the work "cohort" designates any group of individuals having a similar classification trait. For example, the classification may be grades in school or it may be by age. The method is essentially a survival ratio method, listing grade-to-grade survivals, or age-to-age survivals. A new cohort may be considered when going from the elementary grades to the high school freshman level. Another new cohort may be used in going from high school graduating seniors to college freshmen and then in going from those having a Bachelor's degree to the professional or graduate schools.

B. Introducing the Cohort-Survival Procedure

The cohort-survival technique is a method based upon the extent of which a group of individuals survives by grade from the first grade through college (grade-succession) or upon the extent to which a group of individuals survives by year of age from birth through the age of college graduation (age-survival.) In the cohort-survival method a system of ratios is set-up to determine the college enrollment for each calendar year; for example, in the grade succession method, respective ratios of second grade to first

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[3] Institutional Research. Proceedings on Conference of Institutional Research in Higher Education (North Illinois University, 1962).

grade, of third grade to second grade, of fourth grade to third grade, etc. are computed. Thus the cohort of a particular year is followed through grade succession until the senior year in college and perhaps on to post-baccalaureate college years. The grade-to-grade survival procedure generally assumes that survival ratios will remain constant; that is, there are no appreciable changes in migration, mortality or tendency to continue in school.

C. Cohort-Survival Methodology

The cohort-survival technique (or grade-succession) was used in this project to estimate the total enrollments for twenty-four colleges and universities in Louisiana. The technique is automated through computerization where each of three phases (or program segments) are executed and data which is output from each phase is input to each successive phase. Historical enrollment data is stored on permanent storage media (magnetic tapes) and the three segments of the program are executed in succession without manual intervention.

The project mode is composed of the following three phases:

Phase I - Determine surviving students from grade one to grade twelve.

Elementary and secondary school enrollment projections are made to determine the number of students graduating from high school in each parish. This data is used in the second phase to estimate enrollments in colleges and universities in Louisiana.

Central to the procedure used for estimation is the Louisiana live birth rate. Present and future enrollments in Louisiana elementary and secondary schools, and colleges and universities are directly related to live birth rate within the State. As in many other states, Louisiana's live

birth rate is on a decline. (See Table 1.) The annual live birth rate in Louisiana reached its highest peak in 1959 when 90,814 live births were reported. Except for 1964 and 1969, each year since 1959 has shown a decrease in live births. In 1964 there was an increase of 726 over 1963 while 1969 had an increase of 672 over 1968. The most significant single year decrease in live birth rate for Louisiana occurred in 1965 when 6,527 fewer live births were recorded than in 1964.

The first step of this phase begins with the computation of a ratio of first grade enrollments to live births for each parish. This ratio has been computed using actual first grade enrollments and data on live births in each parish, the six years previous to the actual school enrollment. The first grade to birth ratio has then been used to estimate first grade enrollments simply by multiplying live births by this ratio.

The second step in the estimating procedure required that grade-to-grade attrition ratios be computed. These ratios represent three year averages of the percentage of students advancing from first grade to second grade, second grade to third, and so on. These attrition ratios, as one would suspect, vary considerably from parish-to-parish and grade-to-grade. The attrition ratios reflect a number of factors such as net in and out migration from the areas, drop-outs and withdrawals, deaths, population change, retentions, and general cultural and social educational patterns.

The third and final step in the estimating procedure has been to estimate (by parish) the number of twelfth graders graduating from high school. This number has been estimated using a ratio derived from a four year average of the number of twelfth graders to high school graduates. All ratios, of course, have been computed separately for each parish.

The data have been obtained from two sources. Data on live births according to parish of the mother's residence have been taken from the Annual Reports of the Bureau of Vital Statistics. Data on actual enrollments by grade for both public and private schools have been taken from the Annual Reports of the State Department of Education.

Phase II - Select a growth ratio to determine the number of high school graduating seniors who will attend colleges and universities in Louisiana.

The estimating procedure used in determining college and university drawing power by parish is accomplished in this phase. The study includes twenty-four colleges and universities within the state. The enrollment projections represent a head count of resident degree credit students--both full and part-time.

The first step in determining college and university enrollments has been to estimate the number of graduating seniors continuing to college in one or another of the twenty-four Louisiana institutions included in this study. The procedure used required the computation for each parish of a two-year average ratio of high school graduates to the freshmen enrollment of the following year. This ratio, in turn, was increased at a rate of 1/2 of 1 percent each year starting in 1971. It was believed that some adjustment other than a straight average was needed to reflect the expected increases in the percentage of high school graduates continuing to college in future years. This ratio was then multiplied by the estimated number of high school graduates by parish for each year for the 1972-1989 period to obtain the estimated number of students enrolling in college by parish.

Once the number of students continuing to college by parish was determined, these students were allocated to the various campuses on the

basis of the average drawing power of the campus during the past two years. The procedure was repeated for each parish and each institution to give a total number of Louisiana freshmen in the twenty-four institutions equal to the estimated total high school graduates enrolling in college in Louisiana

The total freshmen class for each institution also includes an estimate of foreign and out-of-state freshmen. These two categories of students were estimated on the basis of a two-year average ratio of foreign freshmen to Louisiana freshmen and out-of-state freshmen to Louisiana freshmen.

Phase III - Determine a projection of students who would enter each class in each of the twenty-four Louisiana colleges and universities being considered in this study.

The estimated freshmen classes are carried through to graduation or into a graduate program. For each campus a two-year average was computed to determine the grade-to-grade attrition ratios. These ratios multiplied by the respective grade classification gave the class-by-class enrollment projections. Masters candidates were estimated on the basis of an average ratio of seniors to masters candidates. Doctoral candidates and graduate specialist were estimated on the basis of an average ratio of masters candidates to doctoral candidates and an average ratio of the number of masters candidates to graduate specialist. Unclassified undergraduates, unclassified graduates, law students, social welfare students, and evening division enrollments were estimated on the basis of a two-year average ratio with respect to the total undergraduate enrollment.

III. Number of Graduating Seniors from Secondary Schools in Louisiana

Table 2 contains (1) the actual number of graduates from secondary schools in Louisiana by parish for 1971-72 and (2) estimates of graduating seniors from secondary schools in Louisiana by parish from 1972-73 to 1988-89. It is noted that with few exceptions, most parishes are estimated to have an increase over the number of students graduated in 1971-72 at some period during the seventeen years covered by the estimates. Also, it is shown that some parishes are estimated to fluctuate only slightly in the number of graduating seniors during the seventeen year period. Further, Table 2 shows progressive increases on a yearly basis in the estimates of graduates for some parishes, while some other parishes have estimates that are progressively decreasing. These occurrences do not appear to be related to the population of parishes. For example, two of the state's most densely populated parishes have estimates that are somewhat opposite. Jefferson Parish is estimated to have 985, or 19.99 percent, more graduates in 1988-89 than 1971-72, while Orleans Parish is estimated to have 3,091, or 38.35 percent, fewer graduates in 1988-89 than it had in 1971-72. While live birth rates may be a factor in the increase and decrease of the number of graduates for Jefferson and Orleans Parishes, respectively, this phenomenon may also represent a perfect example of migration of residents or changing demographic patterns which might affect the output of high school graduates.

State totals of the actual number of graduates for 1971-72 and estimated number of graduates from secondary schools in Louisiana, 1972-73 to 1988-89, are given at the bottom of the second page of Table 2. When these totals are plotted (See Figure 1.) it is revealed that a significant increase in the number of graduates will occur through 1974-75. Through the years

1975 to 1977, the number of graduates would decline and in 1976 through 1979 it is estimated that the state will witness its largest number of high school graduates ever. Thereafter, it is estimated that the total number of graduates will decline to approximately 46,141 in 1984-85, some 7,498, or 16.25 percent below the total for 1971-72, and in 1986-87 begin to show temporary signs of recovery. A significant decrease and a new low is estimated for 1988-89.

IV. Enrollment Estimates for Colleges and Universities

Table 3 contains (1) the actual number of students enrolled at twenty-four public and private institutions of higher education in Louisiana for 1972-73 and (2) estimated enrollments for fourteen years (1973-74 to 1986-87) for these institutions.

A. Public Institutions

During the fourteen year period, it is estimated that all public institutions will have, to varying degrees, increased enrollments over 1972-73. While all public institutions will have increased enrollments, it is estimated that only six of the seventeen will have 1986-87 enrollments above their 1972-73 enrollments. These institutions are Delgado, LSU-Baton Rouge, LSU-New Orleans, Southwestern, Southeastern, and Nicholls. The estimated range of increase among the six institutions is from 242 at Delgado to 2,590 at LSU-Baton Rouge. The range, in percentage increase, is from 3.55 at LSU-New Orleans to 24.61 at Nicholls State.

The data recorded in Table 3 indicates that the seventeen public institutions will attain their individual maximum enrollment at varying intervals over a ten year period. The following chart contains the year each institution is estimated to achieve maximum enrollment and the estimated maximum enrollment.

INSTITUTION	YEAR	MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT
Delgado	1973-74	6,557
LSU-Eunice	1975-76	514
LSU-Shreveport	1975-76	1,649*
Southern-New Orleans	1975-76	3,203
Southern-Shreveport	1975-76	865

*The estimated maximum enrollment for the various institutions does not take into consideration the addition of the third and fourth years of study at LSU-Shreveport.

INSTITUTION	YEAR	MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT
Northeast	1976-77	9,887
Grambling	1979-80	4,072
Louisiana Tech	1979-80	8,416
LSU-Alexandria	1979-80	1,131
LSU-Baton Rouge	1979-80	26,464
LSU-New Orleans	1979-80	14,333
Northwestern	1979-80	6,892
Southeastern	1979-80	6,945
Southern-Baton Rouge	1979-80	9,095
Southwestern	1979-80	13,147
McNeese	1979-80	6,885
Nicholls	1982-83	7,220

The total estimated enrollment to 1986-87 for the seventeen public institutions is shown in Table 3, while the total estimated enrollments for the fourteen year period are plotted in Figure 2. It is observed that for the next eight years the total estimated enrollments at public institutions will be on an increase. Enrollment is estimated to increase from the current (1972-73) enrollment of 111,492 to 126,541 in 1979-80 -- an increase of 15,059, or 13.51 percent. It is estimated that beginning in 1980-81 and continuing through 1986-87, the total enrollment at public institutions will decline.

B. Private Institutions

The estimates for enrollments at the seven private institutions tend to indicate some degree of stability during the fourteen year period under study. Four private institutions are estimated to have some enrollment growth during the fourteen year period but the level of growth is small in comparison with many of the public institutions. While four of the seven private institutions are estimated to have increased enrollments during the fourteen year period, all are estimated to have enrollments in 1986-87 that

are below their current 1972-73 enrollments. The total enrollment for the seven private institutions is currently 17,046, while the total estimated enrollment for these institutions in 1986-87 is 15,464.

Fourteen years of estimated enrollment for the seven private institutions and the 1972-73 actual enrollment for these institutions are plotted in Figure 3. It is noted that the estimated total enrollment of these institutions indicate an increase in 1973-74 with a decline during the next two years. In 1976-77 the total enrollment increases again and continues to increase reaching its highest peak during the next three years. Beginning in 1980-81 and continuing through 1986-87 the total enrollment gradually declines to 15,464 or 1,582 less than their 1972-73 total enrollment.

Figure 4 contains the estimated combined enrollment totals for the seventeen public and seven private institutions included in the study. Like Figures 2 and 3, Figure 4 indicates that maximum total enrollment for the twenty-four institutions will occur in 1979-80 when it is estimated that 15,710 more students will be enrolled in the institutions.

C. Enrollment Estimates by Class

The distribution of the total estimated enrollment of each institution for each year by classification is shown in Table 4. For each campus a two year average was computed to determine the grade-to-grade attrition ratios. Very early in this portion of the study it was detected that for several institutions there was inconsistency between the historical data which had been submitted in years past. The estimation algorithm was modified as a result of these inconsistencies and no estimations are given if input

data are absent for either last year or this year. It is the author's opinion that at least two of the most recent historical data values are needed to provide accurate estimates.

V. Summary and Implications

A. Louisiana Live Birth Rate

The estimations of total enrollment for the State of Louisiana parallel the historical data available on live births for the State. That is, fewer potential college students are being born and consequently fewer can be expected to enroll in the colleges and universities of the State. There are at least two conceivable ways in which this trend may be altered: (1) a larger percent of eligible graduates of secondary schools enroll in Louisiana colleges and universities and/or (2) a massive migration of families with college eligible children into the State. It is difficult to predict the extent to which either of these is possible.

B. Planning and Construction of Facilities

If the estimations presented in this study have merit, the colleges and universities of the State will be accommodating approximately 15,710 more students by 1979-80 than they are currently. Perhaps there are institutions that are presently in need of additional dormitory and classroom space and would be hard pressed to accommodate additional resident students. However, in light of the estimations for the 1980's, requests for certain types of facilities should undergo close scrutiny. This is not to imply or suggest that construction on campuses should cease but rather that it should proceed cautiously--especially as it pertains to those facilities which are self-liquidating.

C. Cumulative Considerations

The more variables involved in an estimation, the more difficult is the task. This is especially true when long range estimations are being

made. Variables such as students' attitudes toward a college education, the appeal of one institution over others to students, local economy, migration patterns, the character of race relations, improved highways and transportation systems, the introduction of new degree programs, the opening of a new two-year and/or four-year institution, the return of older persons to college and countless other variables could all, individually and collectively, adversely affect the accuracy of estimation. The extent to which these variables are important depends partly on the kind of institution in question. It is surmised that a private church affiliated institution, because of its purposes and the nature of its clientele, is perhaps obliged to deal with fewer variables than a public supported institution. Because of the unknown possible effect of numerous variables for a particular institution, whether it be public or private, one has to be prepared for wide margins of error in estimating college enrollments.

Table 5 shows an interesting pattern of percent differences which were taken from the actual 1972-73 data and the estimate for 1972-73 which was made last year. Very noticeable is the small percent difference in the Total University/College Enrollment entry and the large percent differences in such institutions as LSU-Shreveport and St. Mary's Dominican College. The percent difference for the total enrollment is small because the entire higher education student population from the time the estimate was made and the time the actual data was recorded is least affected by new highways, legal matters, etc. Various institutions, however, because of geographic locations, demographic considerations, and political variables tend to be more susceptible to local change between the time of enrollment

estimation and the recording of actual enrollment data. The new four-year program at LSU-Shreveport is certainly a factor in the large percent difference for that school. Perhaps the recent consortium of private Catholic colleges in New Orleans have had substantial effects on the large percent difference noticed for St. Mary's.

Estimating enrollments for the whole state is considered to be less difficult because one is not necessarily concerned with the distribution of students among the various colleges and universities--thus fewer variables are encountered. The basic inputs for estimating enrollments for the whole state are:(1) historical live birth data, (2) historical data on precollegiate level enrollments for the state, (3) estimations of the number of graduates from secondary schools, (4) historical data on the percent of graduates from secondary schools that enroll in institutions of higher education in the state, and (5) historical data on attrition rates for the state.

VI. Tables and Figures

TABLE 1
LIVE BIRTHS
LOUISIANA (1959-72)
(By Residence)

YEAR	TOTAL
1959	90,814
1960	90,126
1961	88,892
1962	88,005
1963	85,334
1964	86,060
1965	79,533
1966	77,223
1967	75,199
1968	74,098
1969	74,770
1970	74,615
1971	73,014
1972	68,525
TOTAL	1,126,208

TABLE 2
Number of Graduating Seniors From Secondary Schools in Louisiana, By Parish 1971-72, With Estimates From 1972 To 1989

Parish	Actual	Estimates															
	71-72	72-73	73-74	74-75	75-76	76-77	77-78	78-79	79-80	80-81	81-82	82-83	83-84	84-85	85-86	86-87	87-88	88-89
Acadia	773	720	821	759	826	813	738	776	797	747	700	710	649	617	597	579	565	509
Allen	343	335	342	308	320	332	372	384	317	338	366	299	292	276	305	281	302	252
Ascension	585	524	542	571	596	454	588	574	582	597	627	680	597	602	632	660	674	585
Assumption	263	295	275	307	313	313	321	345	334	320	372	344	316	306	311	308	293	256
Avoyelles	632	618	619	640	639	660	664	642	631	635	601	580	594	520	543	516	528	452
Beauregard	342	368	354	399	366	370	403	433	450	437	448	402	307	364	335	367	399	362
Bienville	282	292	265	286	276	236	275	277	277	289	289	254	264	242	238	263	249	141
Bossier	1017	1057	1110	1239	1153	1219	1150	1201	1194	1173	1114	917	1059	1118	1124	1232	1279	1116
Caddo	3752	3675	3735	3857	3716	3676	3704	3625	3638	3613	3486	3136	2904	2879	3115	3183	3242	2934
Calcasieu	2414	2409	2408	2454	2444	2442	2405	2393	2283	2233	2040	1881	1669	1684	1780	1805	1847	1615
Caldwell	131	109	157	167	140	156	148	156	152	182	170	156	141	138	159	134	139	147
Cameron	130	105	113	119	127	119	117	138	144	134	150	135	100	98	83	108	103	103
Catahoula	214	185	191	191	250	211	215	208	147	150	146	111	119	131	128	136	116	106
Claiborne	227	246	221	246	210	211	196	192	182	172	175	166	130	150	138	146	146	115
Concordia	325	333	346	310	311	288	280	260	243	198	216	214	207	215	205	238	198	159
DeSoto	388	375	369	393	344	349	365	370	298	316	336	304	277	295	247	268	251	236
E.Baton Rouge	4928	4648	4862	4958	4773	4954	4975	4897	4799	4674	4743	4116	4251	4262	4635	4591	4700	4101
E. Carroll	192	168	179	134	125	132	124	117	105	99	88	92	80	81	75	81	69	59
E. Feliciana	274	256	234	270	242	239	247	243	201	204	214	210	205	199	204	182	202	194
Evangeline	485	412	473	525	460	453	475	467	464	448	431	419	388	374	404	418	381	326
Franklin	361	374	380	347	352	357	324	307	317	305	283	256	240	245	231	232	210	205
Grant	196	186	187	187	183	184	171	193	162	173	174	145	151	139	126	137	146	133
Iberia	941	975	972	1071	1006	1049	877	913	939	841	962	936	811	803	722	750	728	628
Iberville	387	396	429	433	434	435	392	348	334	315	378	261	274	271	267	274	253	231
Jackson	240	207	217	224	211	194	222	207	208	204	191	188	186	143	177	160	164	143
Jefferson	4199	4158	4531	5002	4871	4544	5154	5175	5132	5140	5199	4932	5151	5125	5094	5315	5530	5184
Jefferson Davis	491	482	506	468	465	479	501	456	474	416	416	390	354	332	350	346	321	305
Lafayette	1696	1737	1902	1974	2081	2073	2065	2146	2007	2062	1936	1916	1827	1761	1704	1809	1839	1735
Lafourche	970	1051	1029	1196	1225	1177	1271	1255	1309	1242	1229	1215	1247	1184	1057	1097	956	877
LaSalle	202	201	199	211	184	188	197	192	190	183	168	174	185	152	148	172	175	177
Lincoln	391	456	458	500	488	477	540	538	534	496	506	448	462	445	471	506	551	528
Livingston	522	496	543	532	563	586	596	614	627	620	642	368	546	591	649	661	675	643
Madison	243	228	228	239	218	209	204	204	195	175	182	166	177	177	149	157	171	127
Morehouse	527	536	541	398	438	429	426	408	408	410	361	355	368	349	337	325	316	299
Natchitoches	598	630	616	670	609	671	622	583	578	571	538	504	501	487	546	552	551	489

TABLE 2 (Continued)
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in Louisiana, By Parish 1971-72, With Estimates
From 1972 To 1989.

Parish	Actual	Estimates															
	71-72	72-73	73-74	74-75	75-76	76-77	77-78	78-79	79-80	80-81	81-82	82-83	83-84	84-85	85-86	86-87	87-88	88-89
Orleans	8061	7999	7874	8013	7732	7879	7510	7328	6832	6664	6568	6014	6001	3654	5054	4977	5053	4970
Ouachita	1405	1475	1585	1477	1523	1397	1383	1438	1408	1331	1337	1240	1233	1223	1279	1290	1253	1177
Plaquemines	361	375	427	431	452	453	447	463	470	415	430	413	414	392	406	350	399	318
Pointe Coupee	356	335	367	356	392	387	354	372	336	309	341	325	261	297	269	243	261	214
Rapides	1664	1570	1642	1777	1719	1689	1757	1723	1733	1698	1624	1471	1403	1472	1526	1483	1529	1458
Red River	176	142	170	136	142	138	136	114	114	105	111	106	96	101	85	98	90	77
Richland	374	359	355	408	397	336	331	348	321	303	309	275	268	254	244	240	241	227
Sabline	279	254	274	283	280	262	271	280	275	290	258	254	246	238	237	232	222	199
St. Bernard	784	894	912	988	1042	972	990	1017	1009	972	1059	986	1093	966	996	1065	1145	1008
St. Charles	446	512	528	617	561	594	575	608	558	526	561	537	535	508	510	503	532	491
St. Helena	124	114	125	122	74	66	82	68	81	74	67	80	64	63	64	56	47	38
St. James	308	265	278	261	231	253	234	221	209	190	170	159	177	161	152	148	142	107
St. John	393	385	442	453	469	494	494	544	506	487	526	463	482	441	464	447	464	439
St. Landry	1323	1333	1334	1379	1304	1280	1217	1223	1198	1147	1189	1074	1033	963	942	910	929	732
St. Martin	522	557	597	567	625	604	567	543	582	551	556	501	507	479	444	473	443	408
St. Mary	799	787	857	860	846	841	849	868	822	806	853	794	775	746	744	755	736	647
St. Tammany	1048	970	990	1100	1074	1092	1075	1116	1145	1098	1090	1046	1187	1139	1143	1222	1253	1094
Tangipahoa	840	872	867	847	851	938	925	855	723	772	831	723	737	723	737	765	721	636
Tensas	187	219	182	183	157	151	140	131	121	110	99	85	85	79	73	77	73	56
Terrebonne	1190	1051	1191	1266	1237	1281	1321	1284	1328	1238	1201	1142	1167	1102	1057	1050	1011	976
Union	317	294	319	328	312	270	276	283	298	259	251	244	235	238	264	253	220	234
Vermilion	616	660	730	698	705	667	710	693	688	699	636	579	580	548	554	570	515	519
Vernon	381	418	434	446	518	486	529	449	467	494	507	434	341	339	364	360	430	366
Washington	673	706	645	639	655	658	606	582	579	485	504	446	419	400	405	450	423	414
Webster	653	628	619	583	577	549	568	524	500	469	436	408	400	384	377	422	403	332
W. Baton Rouge	142	105	113	86	94	90	93	90	67	61	67	78	63	64	59	65	55	53
W. Carroll	192	199	193	192	173	180	194	195	198	177	171	154	153	147	143	162	144	136
W. Feliciana	144	108	102	114	99	69	73	63	58	49	51	47	42	44	42	43	36	33
Winn	220	203	225	195	205	199	193	197	192	198	233	190	161	190	181	217	197	170
State Totals	53,639	53,092	54,731	56,390	55,405	54,954	55,224	54,857	53,470	52,108	51,919	47,658	47,187	46,141	46,111	46,915	47,234	43,011

TABLE 3
Fourteen Year Enrollment Estimates for Twenty-Four Public and Private Institutions of Higher Education in Louisiana, 1973-74 to 1986-87

Institutions	Actual 72-73	73-74	74-75	75-76	76-77	77-78	78-79	79-80	Estimates 80-81	81-82	82-83	83-84	84-85	85-86	86-87
Public															
Delgado	5030	6557	5842	6094	6141	6072	6110	6138	5988	5847	5856	5639	5599	5522	5272
Grambling	3888	3867	4009	4038	4047	4048	4065	4072	4046	4017	3978	3821	3691	3596	3515
Louisiana Tech	7680	7850	7937	8093	8193	8244	8348	8416	8389	8335	8270	7929	7688	7482	7413
LSU - A	1076	1022	1033	1101	1105	1097	1127	1131	1130	1120	1087	1011	966	968	1004
LSU - BR	22031	23474	24842	25940	25983	25927	26125	26464	26463	26386	26425	25721	25282	24879	24621
LSU - E	486	471	489	514	501	495	488	489	491	480	475	458	435	415	414
LSU - NO	12448	12948	13274	13704	13894	14041	14270	14333	14139	14012	13983	13547	13498	13258	12890
LSU - S	2127	1587	1586	1649	1620	1627	1623	1625	1633	1627	1594	1453	1399	1398	1457
McNeese	6175	6302	6503	6652	6737	6807	6885	6943	6907	6850	6718	6453	6055	5817	5673
Nicholls	5570	5749	6013	6380	6572	6708	6963	7107	7183	7158	7220	7113	7093	6976	6841
Northeast	8861	9259	9669	9819	9887	9775	9754	9793	9662	9473	9411	9073	8848	8669	8618
Northwestern	6384	6448	6490	6580	6692	6732	6864	6892	6856	6863	6835	6558	6297	6175	6121
Southeastern	5979	6083	6265	6467	6569	6717	6871	6945	6922	6899	6932	6676	6669	6634	6633
Southern - BR	8898	8620	8788	8884	8916	8960	9012	9095	8993	8878	8838	8528	8294	8099	8084
Southern - NO	2723	2844	3106	3203	3113	3138	3130	3092	3021	2951	2896	2772	2728	2651	2513
Southern - S	853	844	834	865	854	846	852	848	846	847	829	763	714	705	743
Southwestern	11283	11341	11731	12134	12472	12766	12921	13147	13108	13038	13010	12748	12452	12148	11824
Totals	111,492	115,266	118,411	122,117	123,316	124,000	125,408	126,541	125,778	124,781	124,357	120,263	117,708	115,292	113,636
Private															
Centenary	787	778	757	747	759	763	762	772	775	770	767	725	688	665	657
Dillard	998	1024	1038	1028	1035	1039	1035	1032	1009	980	965	916	888	858	813
Louisiana College	906	770	751	735	738	746	756	775	778	778	775	731	700	681	668
Loyola	4551	4504	4464	4418	4437	4526	4606	4643	4612	4590	4583	4479	4433	4371	4275
St. Mary's	864	821	779	765	775	785	787	782	775	767	765	739	722	712	680
Tulane	7395	7987	8034	8145	8170	8237	8229	8281	8237	8106	8029	7805	7679	7475	7247
Xavier	1545	1584	1568	1469	1433	1436	1432	1431	1405	1367	1339	1277	1234	1188	1124
Totals	17,046	17,468	17,391	17,307	17,347	17,532	17,607	17,716	17,591	17,281	17,223	16,672	16,344	15,950	15,464
Grand Totals	128,538	132,734	135,802	139,424	140,663	141,532	143,015	144,148	143,369	142,062	141,580	136,935	134,052	131,242	129,100

TABLE 4

Ten Year Enrollment Estimates by Class for Twenty-Four Public and Private Institutions of Higher Education in Louisiana, 1972-73 To 1982-83

Institution & Class	Actual 1972-73	Estimates 1973-74	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
Centenary											
Freshmen	222	236	249	264	251	249	248	264	258	251	246
Sophomore	192	145	154	162	172	164	162	162	172	168	164
Junior	147	140	106	113	119	126	120	119	119	126	123
Senior	153	167	160	121	129	136	144	137	136	135	144
Unclassified*	37	38	37	37	37	37	37	38	38	38	38
Evening Division	36	52	51	50	51	51	51	52	52	52	52
Delgado											
Freshmen	2801	2052	2101	2216	2172	2159	2189	2187	2102	2073	2096
Sophomore	934	1720	1260	1290	1361	1334	1326	1344	1343	1291	1273
Unclassified*	1295	2785	2481	2588	2608	2579	2595	2607	2543	2483	2487
Dillard											
Freshmen	320	329	334	348	334	338	331	339	313	304	308
Sophomore	306	260	267	271	283	271	275	269	275	254	247
Junior	204	246	209	215	218	227	218	221	216	221	204
Senior	168	189	228	194	200	203	211	203	205	201	206
Grambling											
Freshmen	1225	1222	1253	1286	1253	1232	1259	1286	1240	1207	1201
Sophomore	932	909	907	930	954	930	914	934	954	920	895
Junior	680	778	759	757	776	797	776	763	780	797	768
Senior	986	890	1019	994	992	1017	1044	1017	1000	1022	1044
Unclassified*	65	68	71	71	72	72	72	72	72	71	70
Louisiana College											
Freshmen	231	218	231	238	238	232	241	256	247	239	235
Sophomore	191	166	156	166	171	171	167	173	184	177	172
Junior	157	157	136	129	136	140	140	137	142	151	146
Senior	189	191	191	166	157	166	171	171	167	173	184
Unclassified*	31	38	37	36	36	37	37	38	38	38	38
Evening Division	107										
Louisiana Tech											
Freshmen	2445	2658	2727	2835	2762	2717	2808	2858	2788	2712	2688
Sophomore	1596	1475	1603	1645	1710	1666	1639	1694	1724	1682	1638
Junior	1512	1479	1367	1486	1525	1585	1544	1519	1570	1598	1559
Senior	1359	1433	1402	1296	1409	1446	1503	1464	1440	1489	1515

* Includes unclassified undergraduates, special students, 5th year seniors, and at Delgado diplomas, certificates, high school coops and rehabilitation.

TABLE 4 (Continued)

Institution & Class	Actual 1972-73	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76	Estimates 1976-77	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
Louisiana Tech cont'd											
Unclassified[a]	110	148	149	152	155	155	157	158	158	157	155
Master's Candidates	602	594	627	613	567	616	632	657	640	630	651
Specialist, Graduate	6	16	16	17	17	15	17	17	18	17	17
Doctoral	50	47	46	49	48	44	48	49	51	50	49
LSU - Alexandria											
Freshmen	798	727	764	819	802	801	831	824	825	815	786
Sophomore	278	295	269	282	303	296	296	307	305	305	301
LSU - Baton Rouge											
Freshmen	6614	5563	5810	6044	5947	6013	6105	6197	6017	5907	5990
Sophomore	3889	4565	3839	4010	4171	4104	4150	4213	4277	4153	4077
Junior	3485	3824	4489	3775	3943	4102	4036	4081	4143	4206	4084
Senior	3819	4471	4907	5760	4845	5060	5264	5179	5237	5317	5397
Unclassified[a]	49	65	67	69	67	68	69	69	69	69	69
Master's	2345	2901	3397	3728	4377	3681	3844	3999	3935	3979	4040
Doctoral	788	876	1084	1269	1393	1635	1375	1436	1494	1470	1486
Law	854	1002	1035	1065	1028	1048	1063	1069	1070	1065	1063
Social Welfare	188	207	214	220	212	216	219	221	221	220	219
LSU - Eunice											
Freshmen	320	296	321	333	318	317	312	315	316	305	305
Sophomore	127	124	115	125	129	124	123	121	122	123	118
Unclassified[a]	39	51	53	56	54	54	53	53	53	52	52
LSU - New Orleans											
Freshmen	4403	4798	4942	5228	5123	5059	5194	5185	5011	4955	4995
Sophomore	2183	2068	2254	2322	2456	2407	2377	2440	2436	2354	2328
Junior	1854	1759	1667	1817	1871	1980	1940	1916	1967	1963	1898
Senior	1483	1695	1608	1524	1661	1711	1810	1774	1751	1798	1795
Unclassified[a]	478	485	493	512	523	525	533	532	525	521	518
Master's	976	1044	1193	1133	1073	1170	1205	1275	1249	1233	1266
Doctoral	44	48	51	59	56	53	58	59	63	61	61
Evening Division	1027	1051	1066	1109	1131	1136	1153	1152	1137	1127	1122
LSU - Shreveport											
Freshmen	1134	1025	1058	1117	1073	1086	1082	1085	1090	1084	1053
Sophomore	341	328	297	306	323	311	314	313	314	316	314
Junior	100	102	99	89	92	97	93	94	94	94	95
Senior	9	23	23	23	20	21	22	21	22	21	22

[a] Includes unclassified undergraduates, special students, and 5th year seniors.

TABLE 4 (Continued)

Institution & Class	Actual 1972-73	Estimate 1973-74	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
LSU - Shreveport Cont'd											
Unclassified*	81	109	109	114	112	112	112	112	113	112	110
Evening Division	462										
Loyola											
Freshmen	517	557	582	614	606	597	614	615	597	591	598
Sophomore	530	430	464	484	511	504	497	511	512	497	492
Junior	492	465	378	407	426	449	443	437	449	450	437
Senior	439	491	465	378	407	425	449	443	436	449	449
Unclassified*	151	182	177	176	182	185	187	187	186	186	185
Master's	528	579	648	614	499	537	561	592	585	576	592
Law	630	562	546	545	564	571	579	580	577	575	571
Evening Division	1264	1238	1204	1200	1242	1258	1276	1278	1270	1266	1259
McNeese State											
Freshmen	2219	2240	2287	2330	2343	2353	2375	2391	2324	2276	2178
Sophomore	1072	1089	1099	1123	1144	1150	1155	1166	1174	1141	1117
Junior	904	952	968	977	998	1016	1022	1026	1036	1043	1014
Senior	1010	1085	1144	1162	1173	1198	1221	1227	1233	1244	1253
Unclassified*	11										
Master's	849	883	950	1001	1017	1027	1048	1068	1074	1079	1089
Specialist, Graduate	72										
Doctoral	38	53	55	59	62	63	64	65	66	67	67
Nicholls State											
Freshmen	2044	2030	2145	2337	2334	2330	2443	2464	2477	2388	2444
Sophomore	993	1056	1049	1108	1207	1206	1204	1262	1273	1279	1234
Junior	759	806	858	852	900	981	979	978	1025	1034	1039
Senior	778	822	874	929	923	975	1063	1061	1059	1111	1120
Unclassified*	30	34	35	37	38	39	41	41	42	42	42
Master's	515	537	568	603	642	637	673	734	733	732	788
Specialist, Graduate	10										
Evening Division	441	464	484	514	528	540	560	567	574	572	574
Northeast											
Freshmen	3794	3805	3979	3899	3909	3741	3747	3855	3758	3633	3602
Sophomore	1365	1382	1386	1450	1420	1424	1363	1365	1404	1369	1324
Junior	1063	1177	1192	1196	1250	1225	1228	1175	1177	1211	1181
Senior	1396	1443	1598	1619	1623	1697	1663	1668	1596	1598	1645
Unclassified*	118	139	145	145	146	144	182	144	141	139	138

* Includes unclassified undergraduates, special students, 5th year seniors.

TABLE 4 (Continued)

Institution & Class	Actual 1972-73	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76	Estimates 1976-77	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
Northeast Cont'd											
Master's	1045	1234	1275	1413	1431	1435	1501	1471	1474	1411	1413
Specialist, Graduate	24	21	25	26	29	29	30	31	30	30	29
Doctoral	56	58	69	71	79	80	80	84	82	82	79
Northwestern											
Freshmen	2444	2376	2454	2572	2562	2565	2616	2565	2534	2551	2522
Sophomore	991	1057	1027	1061	1112	1108	1109	1131	1109	1096	1103
Junior	840	771	823	800	826	866	862	863	881	863	853
Senior	977	992	911	972	945	976	1023	1019	1020	1041	1020
Master's	1081	1213	1232	1131	1207	1174	1212	1271	1266	1267	1292
Specialist, Graduate	20										
Doctoral	31	39	43	44	40	43	42	43	46	45	45
St. Mary's Dominican											
Freshmen	100	92	96	104	104	100	100	100	99	96	99
Sophomore	96	81	75	78	85	85	81	81	81	81	78
Junior	78	73	63	57	60	65	65	63	63	63	62
Senior	62	84	79	68	62	65	70	70	68	68	68
Unclassified*	163	82	78	77	78	79	79	78	78	77	77
Evening Division	365	409	388	381	386	391	392	390	386	382	381
Southeastern											
Freshmen	1834	1824	1890	1970	1963	2016	2059	2048	1978	1965	2036
Sophomore	1117	1151	1145	1186	1236	1232	1265	1292	1285	1241	1233
Junior	958	1024	1056	1050	1088	1134	1130	1161	1185	1179	1139
Senior	1024	1034	1106	1140	1134	1175	1225	1220	1253	1280	1273
Unclassified*	172	169	175	180	182	187	191	193	192	191	191
Master's	544	519	524	561	578	575	596	621	619	635	649
Specialist, Graduate	44	53	50	51	55	56	56	58	60	60	62
Unclassified**	286	309	319	529	333	342	349	352	350	348	349
Southern - Baton Rouge											
Freshmen	2881	2765	2874	2944	2884	2924	2923	2976	2850	2778	2845
Sophomore	1862	1901	1824	1896	1942	1903	1929	1928	1963	1880	1833
Junior	1714	1710	1746	1676	1742	1784	1748	1772	1771	1803	1727
Senior	913	1013	1011	1033	991	1030	1055	1034	1048	1048	1067
Unclassified*	58	200	202	204	205	207	207	209	207	203	202
Master's	803	898	997	995	1016	975	1013	1038	1017	1031	1030

* Includes unclassified undergraduates, special students, and 5th year seniors.
** Includes unclassified graduate students.

TABLE 4 (Continued)

Institution & Class	Actual 1972-73	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76	Estimates 1976-77	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
Southern - BR Cont'd											
Specialist, Graduate	163										
Law	163	133	134	136	136	137	137	138	137	135	134
Evening Division	341										
Southern - New Orleans											
Freshmen	1041	939	944	977	950	961	944	932	884	867	865
Sophomore	452	531	479	482	498	485	490	482	475	451	442
Junior	322	473	556	502	504	522	508	514	504	498	472
Senior	361	377	555	652	588	592	612	595	602	592	584
Unclassified*	547	524	572	590	573	578	576	569	556	543	533
Southern - Shreveport											
Freshmen	607	547	562	585	566	565	572	565	566	566	549
Sophomore	188	241	217	223	232	225	224	227	224	225	225
Unclassified*	58	56	55	57	56	56	56	56	56	56	55
Southwestern											
Freshmen	3787	3789	4060	4206	4285	4283	4238	4389	4267	4224	4196
Sophomore	2066	2137	2138	2291	2373	2418	2417	2392	2477	2408	2384
Junior	1712	1718	1777	1778	1906	1974	2011	2010	1989	2060	2003
Senior	2165	2257	2265	2343	2345	2512	2603	2652	2630	2623	2716
Master's	923	888	926	930	962	962	1031	1068	1089	1088	1077
Specialist, Graduate	30										
Doctoral	42	82	79	82	83	86	86	92	95	97	97
Evening Division	558	470	486	504	518	531	535	544	541	538	537
Tulane											
Freshmen	1349	1257	1288	1347	1316	1320	1320	1344	1278	1244	1257
Sophomore	1118	1172	1092	1119	1170	1144	1147	1147	1168	1110	1081
Junior	975	1015	1065	992	1017	1063	1039	1042	1042	1061	1009
Senior	873	868	904	949	884	906	947	925	928	928	945
Unclassified*	32	84	85	86	85	86	87	87	86	84	83
Master's	557	552	549	572	600	559	573	599	585	587	587
Specialist, Graduate	56	66	65	65	68	71	66	68	71	69	70
Doctoral	433	672	666	663	690	724	674	691	723	706	708
Unclassified**	313	488	492	499	496	501	504	504	500	491	485

* Includes unclassified undergraduates, special students and 5th year seniors.
** Includes unclassified graduate students and graduate students in Business Administration.

TABLE 4 (Continued)

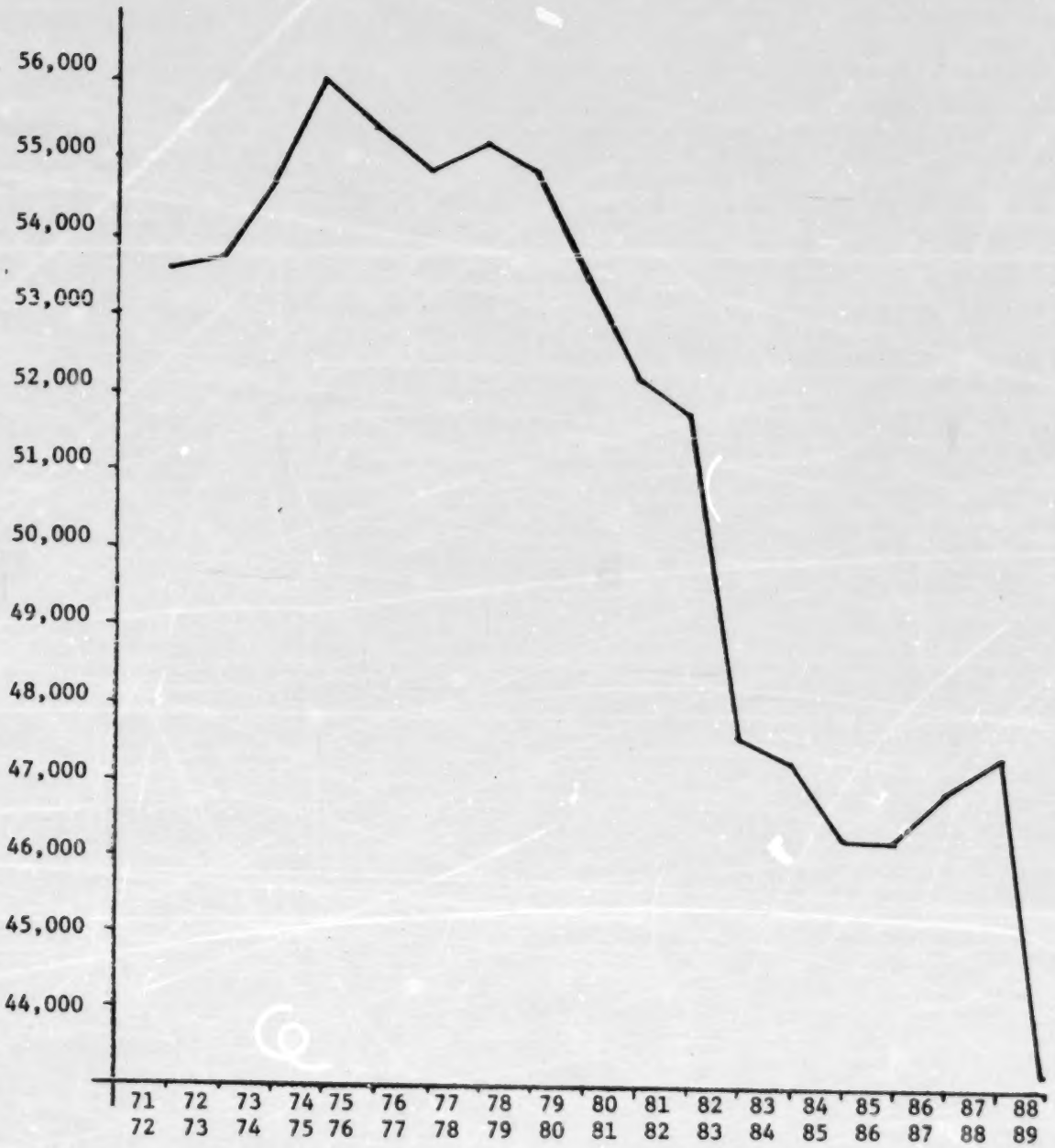
Institution & Class	Actual 1972-73	Estimates 1973-74	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
Tulane Cont'd											
Law	566	550	554	562	559	565	568	568	563	554	547
Social Welfare	273	279	281	285	284	286	288	288	285	281	277
Evening Division	850	984	993	1006	1001	1012	1016	1018	1008	991	980
Xavier											
Freshmen	358	328	329	341	331	335	326	337	309	302	300
Sophomore	465	364	334	335	347	337	341	332	343	314	307
Junior	297	391	306	281	282	292	283	287	279	288	264
Senior	262	299	395	309	283	284	295	286	289	282	291
Unclassified*	138	172	170	158	155	156	155	155	152	148	145
Master's	25	30	34	45	35	32	32	34	33	33	32

* Includes unclassified undergraduates, special students and 5th year seniors.

TABLE 5
Comparison Between Actual 1972-73 Data and
Last Year's Estimate for 1972-73

Entry	1972-73 Actual	1972-73 Estimate	Difference	% Difference
Graduating Senior High School Totals	53,639	53,554	- 85	- 1.59
Total Univ./College Enrollments	129,580	127,263	-2317	- 1.82
Public University/College	112,534	109,321	-3303	- 3.02
Private University/College	17,046	17,942	+ 896	+ 4.99
Delgado Total Enrollment	5,030	4,498	- 532	-11.83
Grambling Total Enrollment	3,888	3,970	+ 82	+ 2.06
Louisiana Tech Total Enrollment	7,680	8,237	+ 557	+ 6.76
LSU-Alexandria Total Enrollment	1,076	948	- 128	-13.50
LSU-Baton Rouge Total Enrollment	23,073	21,140	-1933	- 9.14
LSU-Eunice Total Enrollment	486	522	+ 36	+ 6.90
LSU-New Orleans Total Enrollment	12,448	13,486	+1038	+ 7.70
LSU-Shreveport Total Enrollment	2,127	1,619	- 508	-31.37
McNeese Total Enrollment	6,175	6,357	+ 182	+ 2.86
Nicholls Total Enrollment	5,570	5,673	+ 103	+ 1.82
Northeast Total Enrollment	8,861	9,101	+ 240	+ 2.64
Northwestern Total Enrollment	6,384	6,108	- 276	- 4.52
Southeastern Total Enrollment	5,979	5,610	- 369	- 6.57
Southern-Baton Rouge Total Enrollment	8,898	8,140	- 758	- 9.31
Southern-New Orleans Total Enrollment	2,723	2,083	- 640	-30.73
Southern-Shreveport Total Enrollment	853	924	+ 71	+ 7.68
Southwestern Total Enrollment	11,283	10,905	- 378	- 3.47
Centenary Total Enrollment	787	903	+ 116	+12.85
Dillard Total Enrollment	998	1,063	+ 65	+ 6.12
Louisiana College Total Enrollment	906	944	+ 38	+ 4.03
Loyola Total Enrollment	4,551	5,007	+ 456	+ 9.11
St. Mary's Total Enrollment	864	636	- 228	-35.85
Tulane Total Enrollment	7,395	7,845	+ 450	+ 5.74
Xavier Total Enrollment	1,545	1,544	- 1	- .01

Figure 1
Number of Graudating Seniors from Secondary Schools
in Louisiana, By Parish 1971-72, with Estimates
From 1972 To 1989



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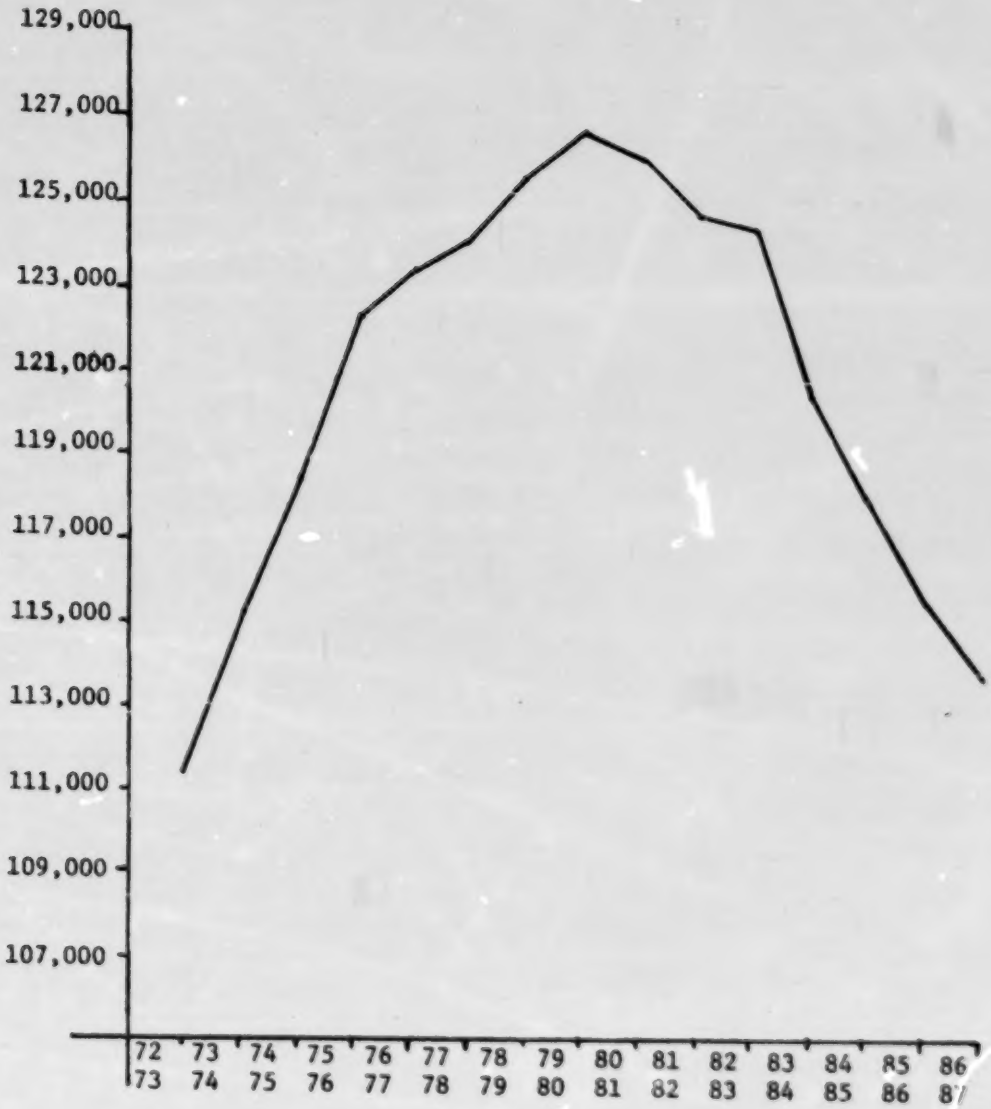
Fourteen Year Enrollment Estimates for Seventeen Public Institutions of Higher Education in Louisiana, 1973-74 To 1986-87



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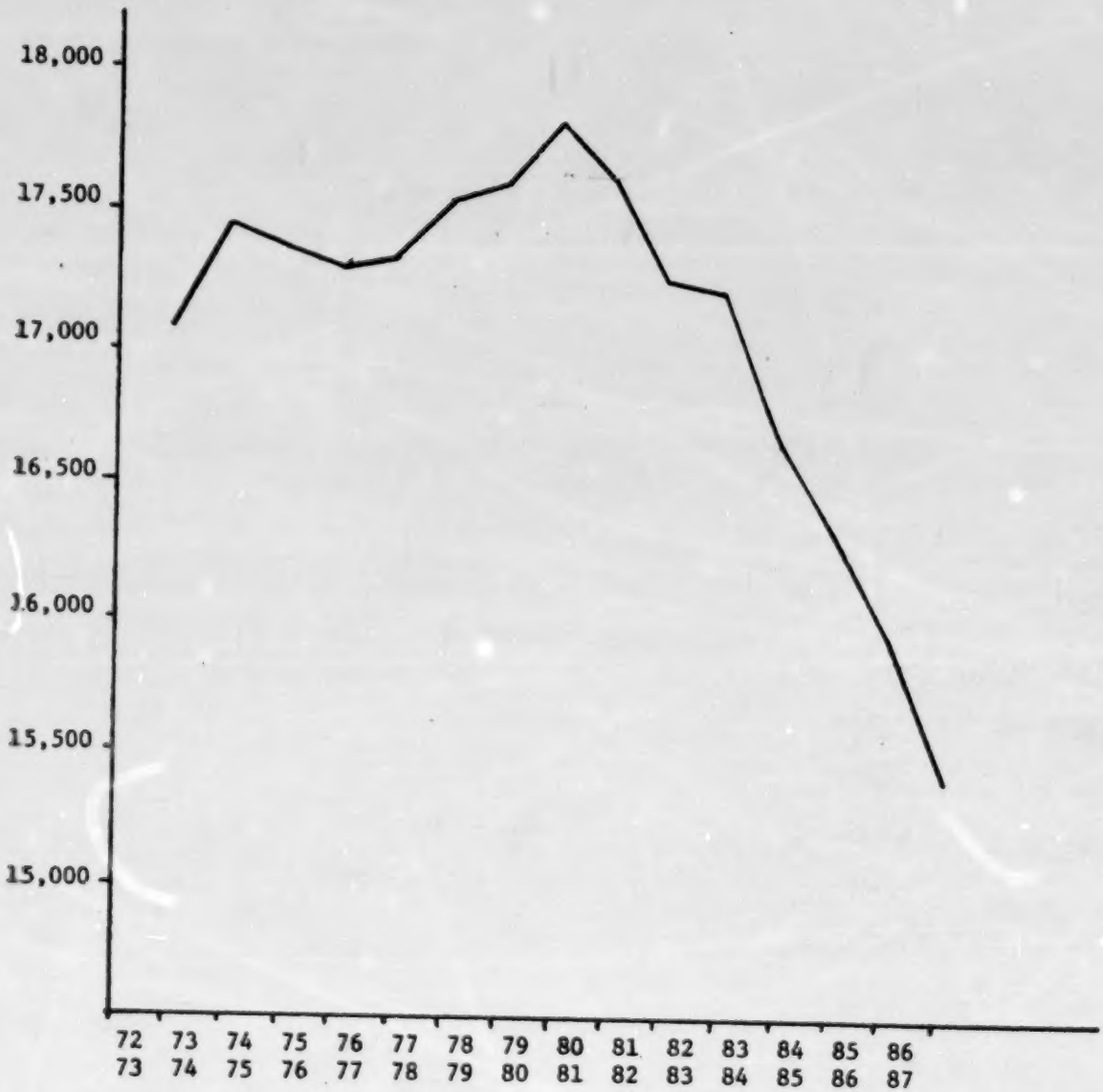

Figure 4
Fourteen Year Enrollment Estimates for Twenty-Four Public and Private Institutions of Higher Education in Louisiana, 1973-74 To 1986-87